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SUBJECT: CROP-CLIMATE ASSESSMENT STUDIES

REF: (A) STATE A-6524; (B) BUENOS AIRES 6466

1. FOLLOWING UP AS PROMISED (REFTEL B), DESMARAS INVITED SCIATT TO FONOFF WHERE SHORT MEETING WAS HELD WITH HE AND DR. FAUSTO TORANSOS (CATHOLIC U.).
  2. DESMARAS REITERATED GREAT INTEREST ON PART OF MINISTRY IN MAKING CROP-CLIMATE ASSESSMENT STUDIES ALONG LINES OF STUDY DONE BY NOAA. HE INDICATED THAT DR. FAUSTO TORANSOS WAS NO. 1 IN ARGENTINA IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND THE INDICATED MAN TO DO THE STUDY.
  3. BOTH DESMARAS AND TORANSOS THINK THAT THERE IS REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INFO AVAILABLE IN METEOROLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL FILES HERE TO DO MEANINGFUL STUDY. TORANSOS NOTED PHENOMENON THAT SOME AREAS OF ARGENTINA SO CRITICALLY DEPENDENT ON PRECIPITATION THAT CROP FROM ONE GOOD YEAR WAS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE UP FOR SEVERAL DROUGHT YEARS OF ZERO PRODUCTION.
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4. DESMARAS AND TORANSOS EXPECT CATHOLIC U. RESEARCHERS TO BE ABLE TO OBTAIN NEEDED RECORDS FROM METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS. THEIR PRINCIPAL PROBLEM REMAINS AS FUNDING FOR THE CATHOLIC U. WORK, WHICH MINISTRY, DESMARAS SAYS, HAS NO WAY OF PROVIDING.

5. DESMARAS DISMISSED POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING BY OTHER MINISTRY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FUNDS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION (OAS, UNDP). WHAT IS NEEDED, THEY SAY, IS ONLY ABOUT \$10,000.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW AS TO WHETHER THERE ANY POSSIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE AID GRANT TO FUND THIS STUDY.

7. COMMENT: WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THIS AN UNUSUAL REQUEST FROM A COUNTRY SUCH AS ARGENTINA, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT TO REPRESENT BEST VIABLE APPROACH TO CONDUCTING OF SUCH A STUDY HERE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. WE STAND READY TO WORK OUT DETAILS IF DEPT AND AID ARE INTERESTED.  
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